IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP NO. 2637 of 2007

DATE OF DECISION:20.02.2007

Dr.Jaspreet Singh and others ....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others ....Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE J.S. KHEHAR
HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE S.D. ANAND

PRESENT: Mr. Gagandeep Singh, Advocate for
for the petitioners.

J.S. Khehar, J. (oral)

The petitioners, who came to be inducted into the service of the respondents on 20.4.1998, claim annual increments, which have been wrongly declined to them. In order to claim annual increments, the petitioners are stated to have issued a legal notice dated 1.2.2007. It is, however, pointed out that no decision has been taken thereon till date.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states, that the petitioners will be satisfied if the instant writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3 i.e. the Director, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab, requiring him to take a final decision on the legal notice dated 1.2.2007 (Annexure P7).

In view of the above, without going into the merits of the claim raised by the petitioner, we consider it just and appropriate to

dispose of the instant writ petition by directing respondent No.3 i.e. the Director, Health and Family Welfare, Punjab, to take a final decision on the claim of increments raised by the petitioners through the legal notice dated 1.2.2007 (Annexure P7), by passing a well reasoned speaking order within two months from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order. It would be appreciated if respondent No.3, while passing the aforesaid order, takes into consideration the decision rendered by this Court in Dr. Ravinder Singh and others V. State of Punjab (CWP No.7288 of 2005 decided on 11.5.2006), as well as, any other relevant judgment on the point. In case the petitioners are found entitled to any monetary benefits, the same shall be calculated and released to them within a further period of one month.

Disposed of accordingly.

Order dasti, on payment of usual charges.

(J.S. Khehar)
Judge

(S.D. Anand)
Judge

February 20, 2007.
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